

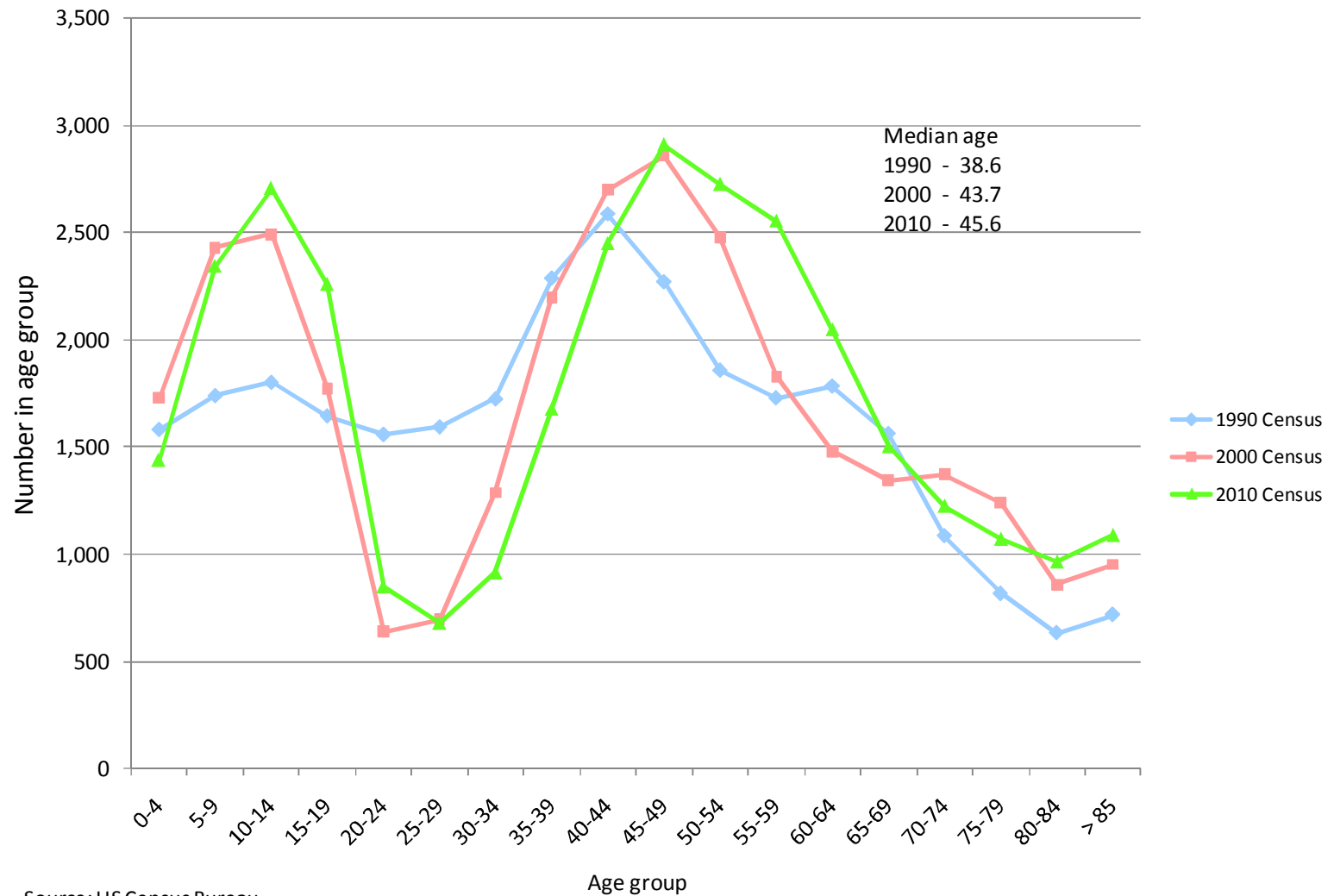
# Update on Lexington demographics based on 2010 Census and latest DESE data

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## MAJOR FINDINGS

- Overall population has grown by about 1000 since 2000, and the shape of the age profile has remained qualitatively similar; the median age has grown from 43.7 to 45.6 years.
- The percentage of residents above 60 years of age is growing at about 1.2% of the overall population per decade.
- The percentage of residents of Asian origin reached 19.9%. Residents of Chinese origin continue to represent the largest fraction, but those of Indian and Korean origin are growing much more rapidly. Only Quincy at 24.0%, Lowell and Malden at 20.0% each have a higher percentage of residents of Asian origin.
- The number of Black/African American residents has grown slightly from 343 (1.1%) in 2000 to 473 (1.5%) in 2010. Meanwhile, the percentage of African American students enrolled in the public schools has fallen from 5.5% to 4.3%.
- In the public schools, students of Asian origin represent 27.6% of the total school population. They contribute to the growth of the ELL program.

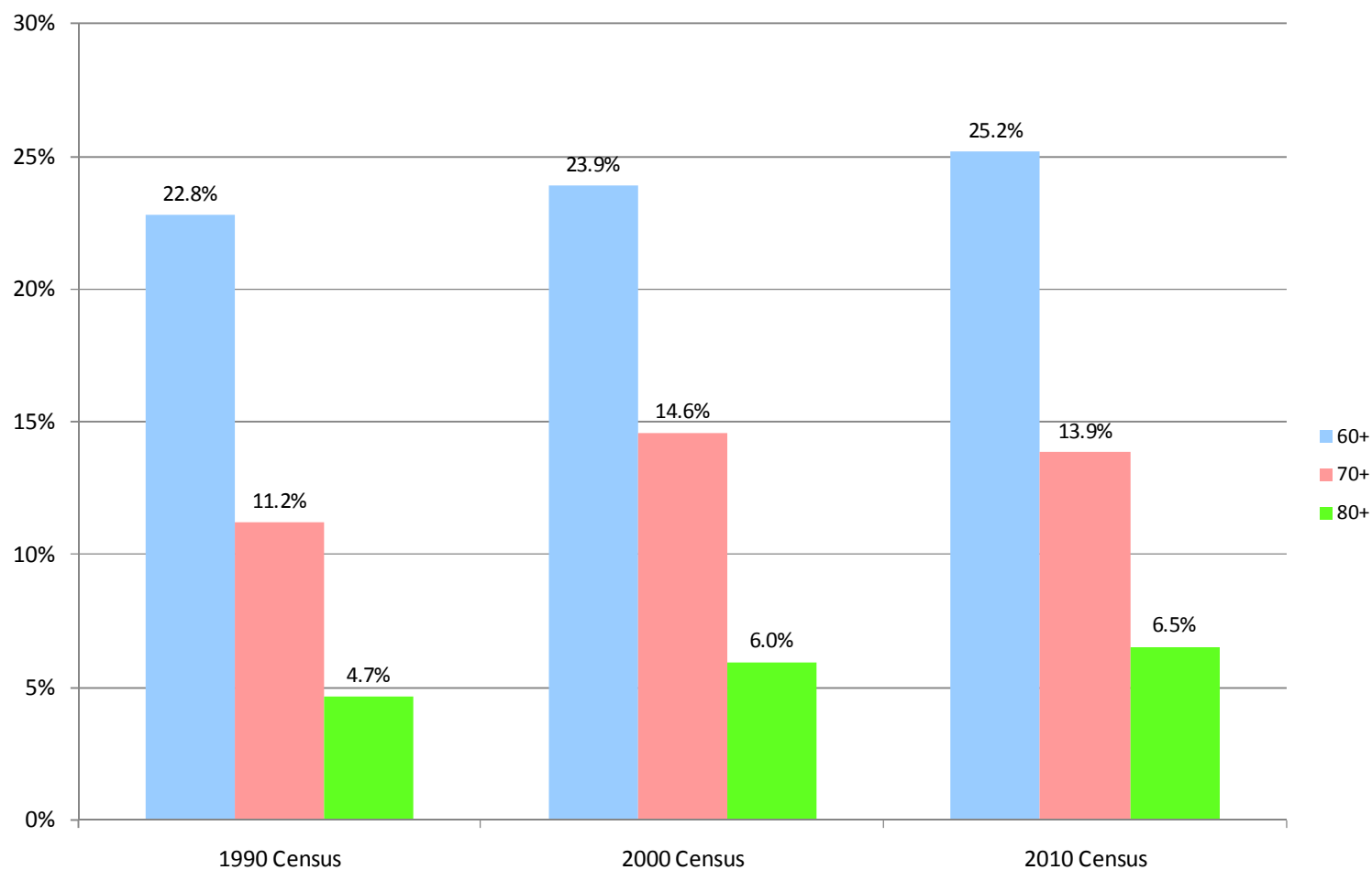
Lexington age profile



Source: US Census Bureau

- Overall age profile for 2010 similar to 2000
  - The number in the 0-4 group has dropped, while the number in the 10-14 group has risen, suggesting that in-migration of families with school-age children has increased since 2000
  - The number of residents in the 30-45 year age group has dropped, while that in the 50-65 year age group has grown

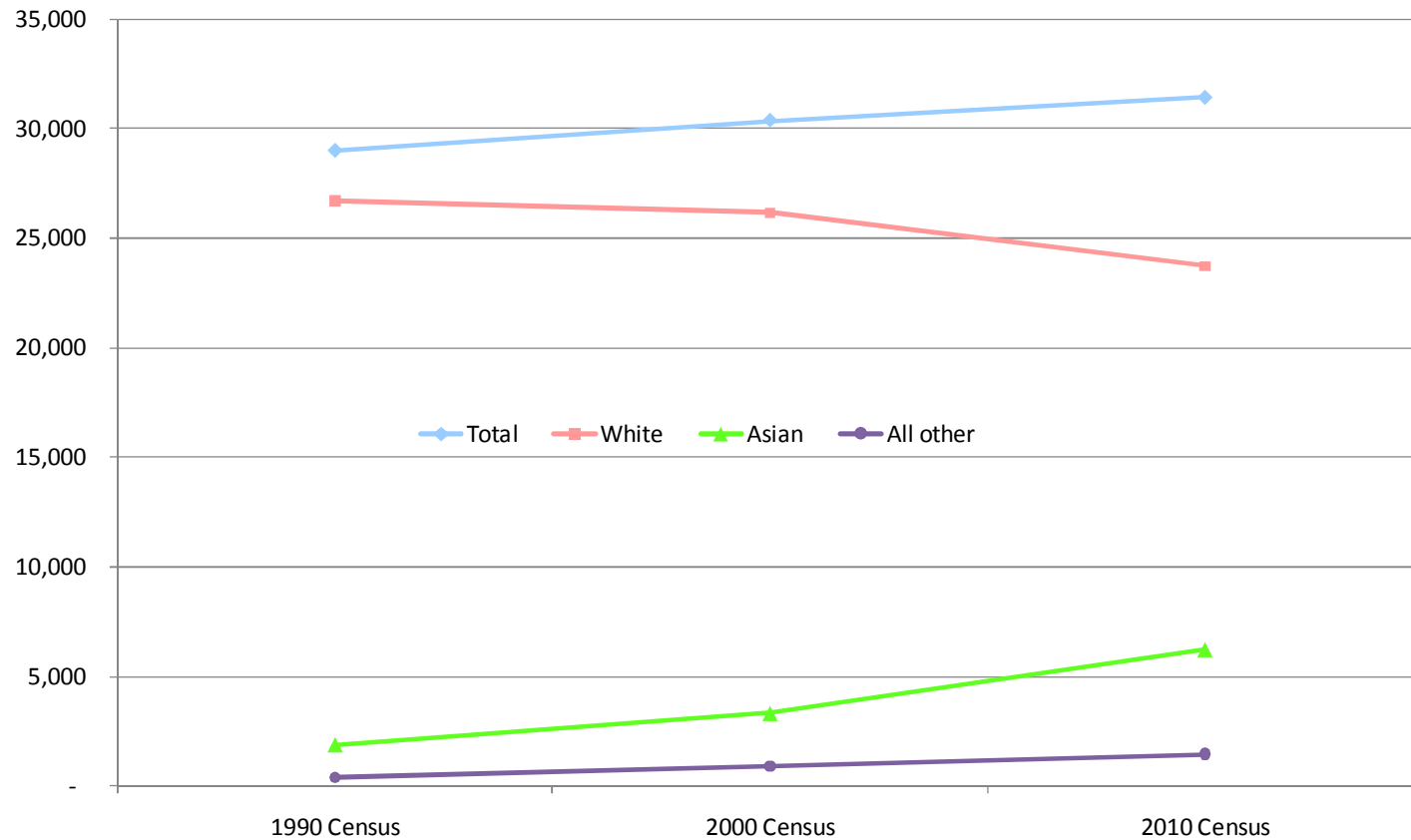
### Trend in Lexington's older population



Source: US Census Bureau

- Increasingly, older residents appear to be staying put. The percentage of residents
  - over 60 continues to grow and is now just over 25%
  - 70-79 has dropped slightly
  - over 80 continues to rise

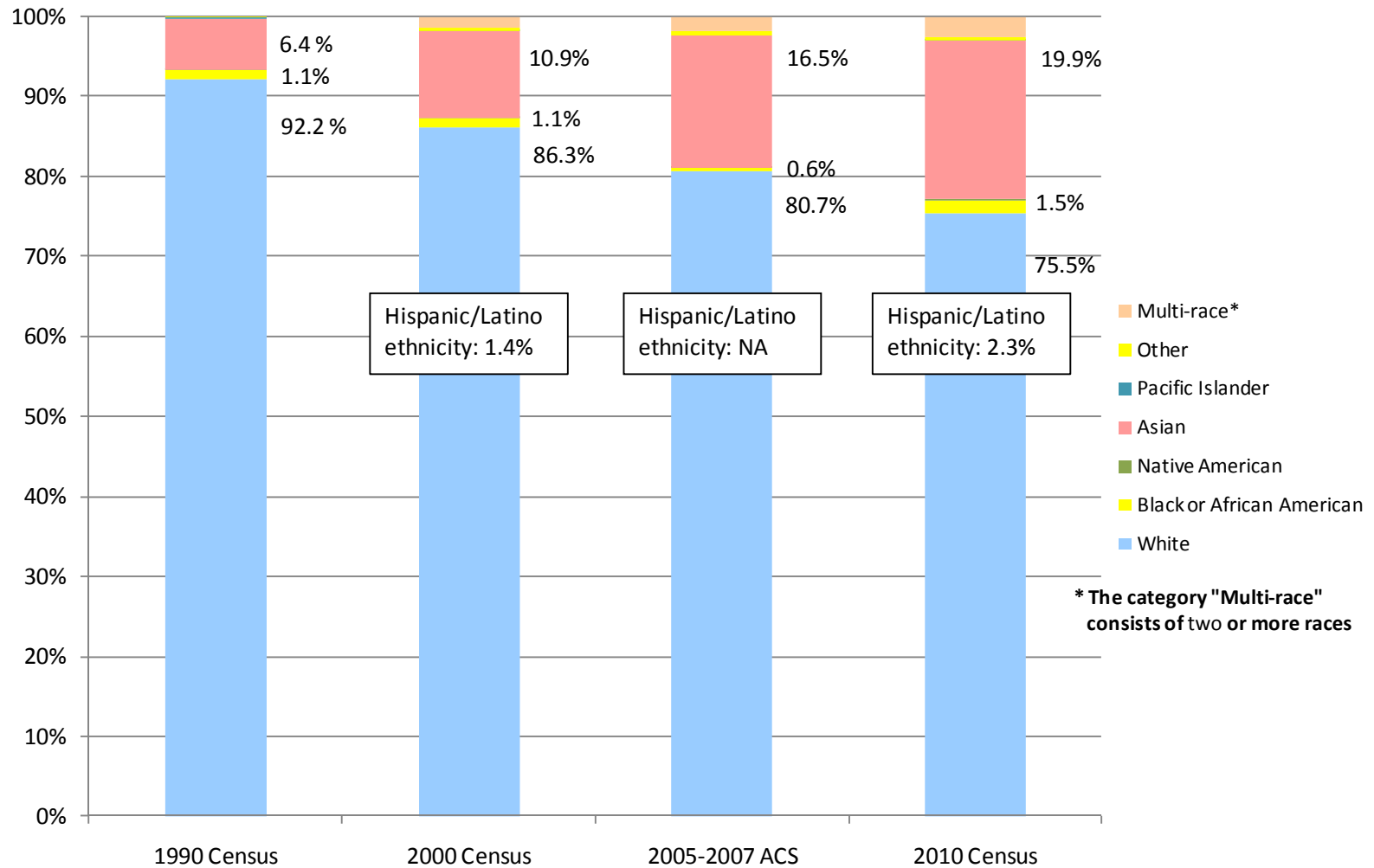
Lexington total population and partial breakdown by race



Source: Census Bureau

- The total population has risen by about 1,000 since the 2000 census
- Meanwhile
  - the white population has dropped by about 2,400
  - the Asian population has risen by about 2,900
  - the Black/African American population has risen by 130 to 473

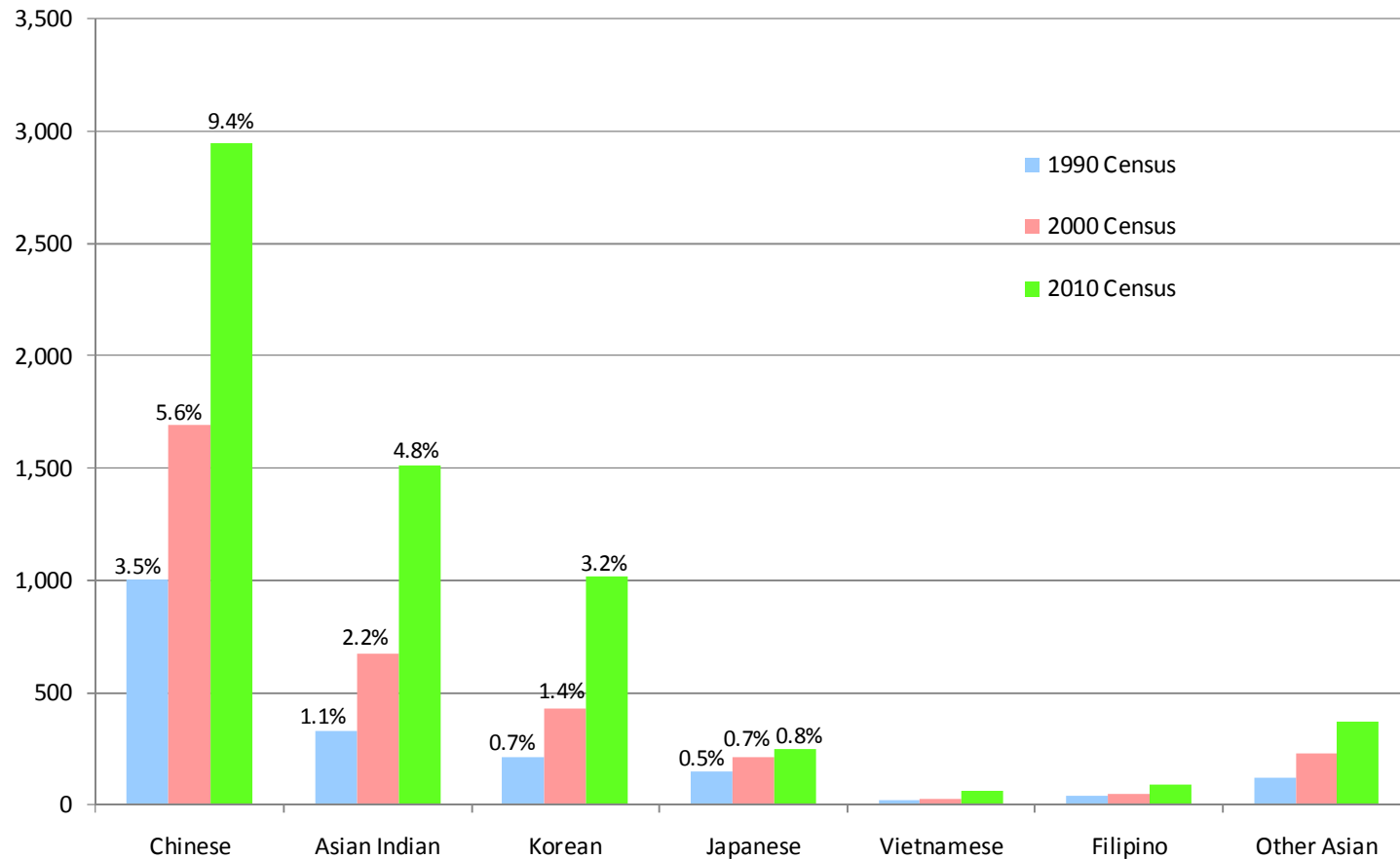
## Breakdown of Lexington's population by racial origin



**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau and ACS

- The 2010 Asian percentage is 19.9%. Only Quincy at 24.0%, Lowell and Malden at 20.0% each have a higher percentage of residents of Asian origin.
- The number of Black/African American residents has grown slightly from 343 in 2000 to 473 in 2010.

Breakdown by origin of Lexington's Asian population\*

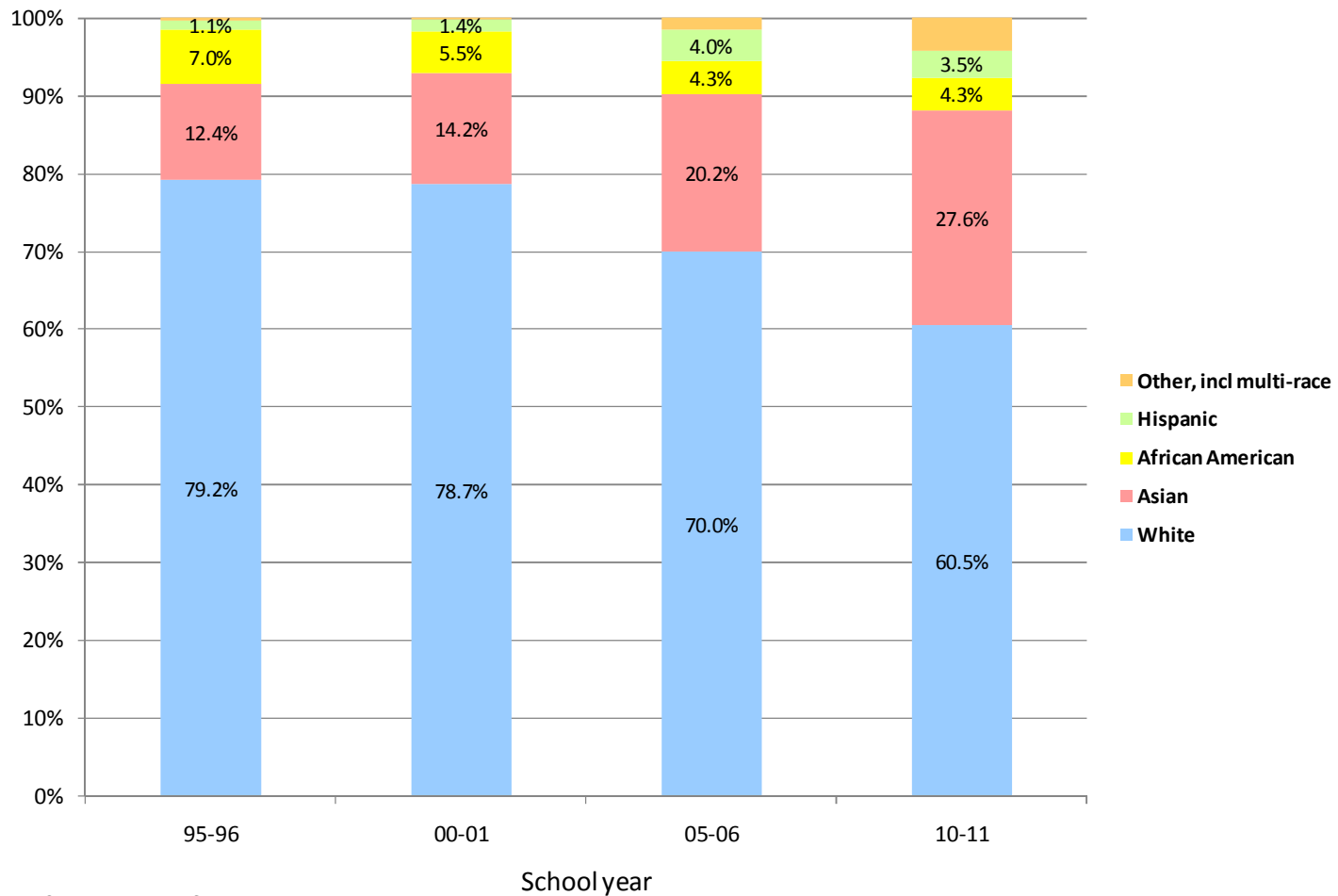


\* Percentages shown are with respect to Town population

Source: US Census Bureau

- Residents of Chinese origin continue to represent the largest fraction of the Town's Asian population; their percentage has almost tripled in the past 20 years
- The percentage of residents of Indian origin has more than quadrupled over the past 20 years
- The percentage of residents of Korean origin has almost quintupled over the past 20 years

Racial and ethnic breakdown in Lexington's public schools

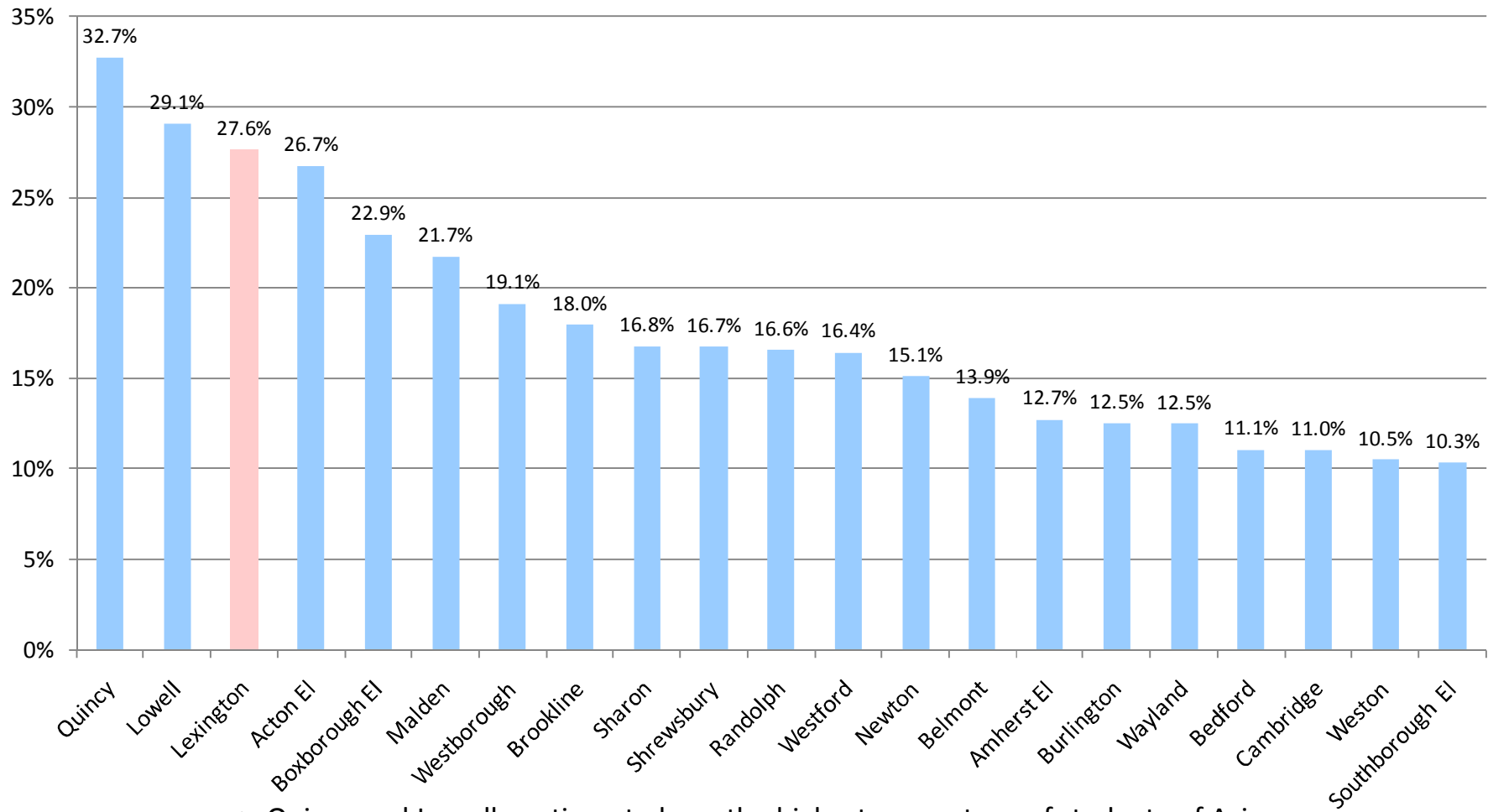


Source: MA DESE

- Since the 1995-96 school year the drop in white students has been almost offset by the growth of students of Asian origin – mirroring the change in the Town's overall demographics
- By contrast, the percentage Black/African American students has been shrinking, while the Town's Black/African American population has increased since 2000. The difference in the trends may reflect a decline in METCO enrollment

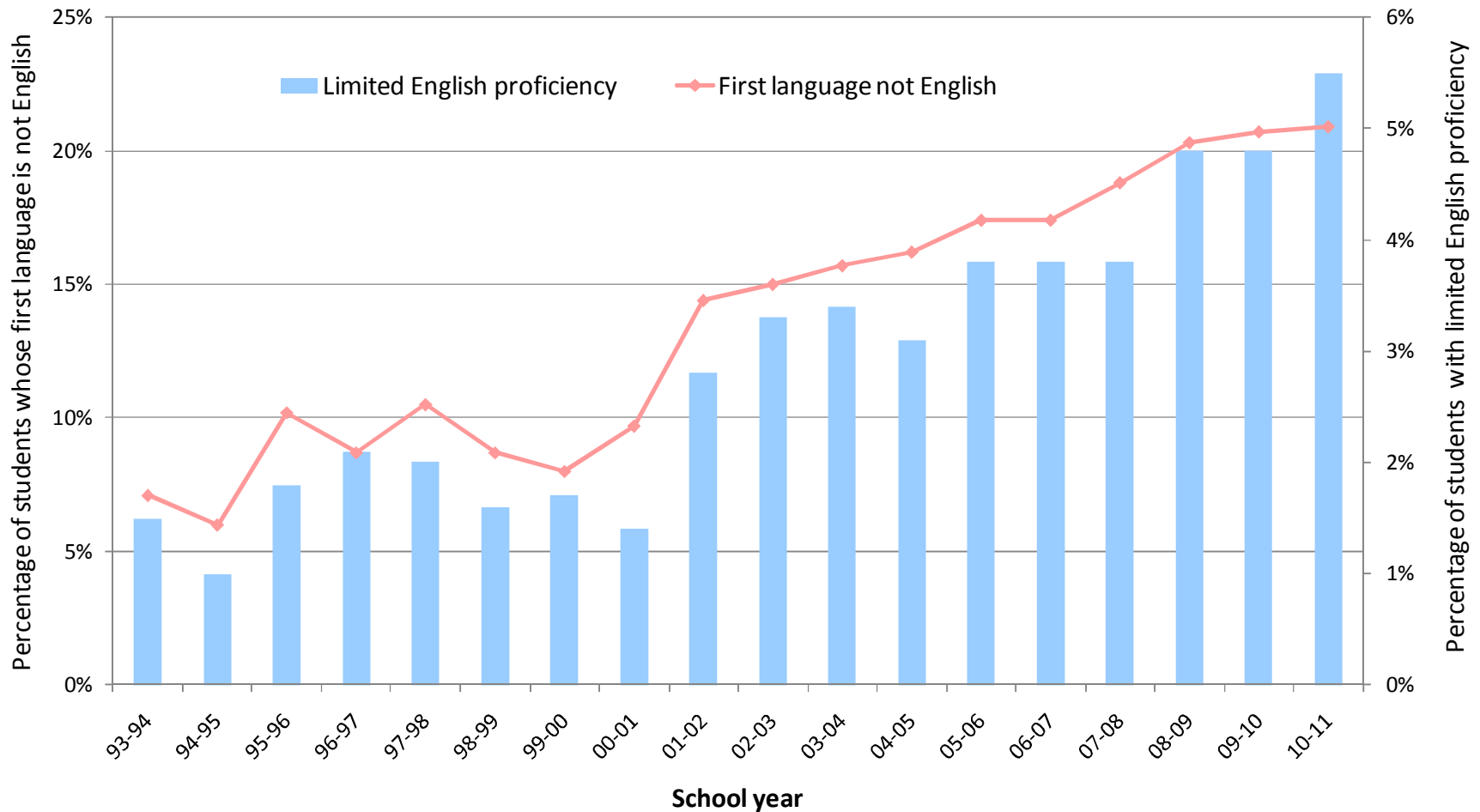


## Students of Asian origin as a percentage of public school students (2010-2011)



- Quincy and Lowell continue to have the highest percentage of students of Asian origin, but Lexington's percentage is growing more rapidly
- 2009-2010 data:
  - Quincy: 32.0%
  - Lowell: 28.4%
  - Lexington: 26.2%

## First language and English proficiency of Lexington public school students



Source: MA DESE

- During the 2010-2011 school year the number of students with limited English proficiency rose to 350, representing 5.5% of the total school enrollment of 6,366
- For the ELL program, the growth has led to the addition of 0.25 FTE for 2010-2011 and one additional teacher for the 2011-2012 school year